

MEXICO: Showers (10-125 mm) increased moisture supplies for corn across the main corn belt. Widespread showers (25-100 mm) covered southeastern Mexico (Chiapas, Tabasco, and southern Campeche), but drier weather prevailed across the northern Yucatan Peninsula. Showers (10-40 mm) increased moisture supplies in the northeast and western coast (Sinaloa), while mostly dry weather was reported across the rest of northern Mexico. Temperatures averaged 1 to 3 degrees C above normal across most of Mexico. During August, near- to above-normal rainfall increased moisture supplies for corn and summer crops across the southern Plateau corn belt and eastern Mexico (Tamaulipas southward into Veracruz). Below-normal August rainfall prevailed in north-central Mexico, while near-normal rainfall was reported in the northwest (Sonora).